Joseph Bustillos
3200 Palm Dr., #456
Fullerton, CA 92631
(714) 524-9310

3/7
Margins

TWILIGHT AT BILL'S BURGERS
(Article Memo)
by Joseph Bustillos

Six p.m. Heading north on the 57 freeway, red brakelights begin at Ball road and stretch out to the horizon's edge (rumored to be somewhere north of Imperial highway), the Orange county commuter can quiet his end-of-the-day nerves with thoughts of a soothing drink or perhaps some aerobics-therapy at his local health spa that lie at the end of the road. Getting off at Lincoln and heading west, twilight comes to the boulevard as a slowly decending cloak of darkness in its residential neighborhoods that is punctuated by neon-brightness in its occasional shopping centers and mini-malls.

Pulling off into one such shopping center for a quick bite at a converted Jack-in-the-box, the Orange county commuter parks in front of "Bill's Burgers." Walking up to the window he orders a beef-teriyaki burger, side-order of fried zucchini and medium soft drink from the oriental teenager at the cash drawer.

Except for the commuter, the teenager and various members of the teenager's family who are manning the deep-frier and washing down the shiny aluminum kitchen surfaces, the place is empty. Occasionally quiet eyes look away from the shiny surfaces or bubbling frier out at the lone customer standing in the darkness of the boulevard. Stepping away from the window with his order the commuter wonders how different life must be for those who live under the neon lights of "Bill's Burgers."

In a world of individualistic 9-to-5 expectations, this lunch and dinner family run establishment stands in direct contrast to that mentality and echos a fading reminder of America's immigrant past.

good! but drop a bit here. Perhaps we should tighten up.

* * *

The proprieters and employees of Bill's Burgers of Anaheim have agreed to be interviewed for this article.

I am a communications major, News-Editorial department, at Cal State Fullerton currently enrolled in a Feature Articles course. I have been published at Fuller Seminary's Ethnic's Students Journal, "Amber" and am editor/publisher of a satirical publication, "Air, Dirt & Ink."

spelling & punctuation